

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:

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2. STATE:

MAINE

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE(S)

8/1/97;1/1/98;8/1/99

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (CHECK ONE):

☐ NEW STATE PLAN ☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN ☒ AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY _____ \$ _____
b. FFY _____ \$ _____

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
SUPPLEMENT 12 TO ATTACHMENT 2.6-A, PGS 2, 2A;2A-1

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

MORE LIBERAL METHODS OF TREATING INCOME UNDER SECTION 1902(2)(2) OF THE ACT

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED
COMMISSIONER, DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

Kevin W. Concannon

13. TYPED NAME:

Kevin W. Concannon

14. TITLE:

Commissioner, Maine Department of Human Services

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

MARCH 31, 1999

16. RETURN TO:

Christine Zukas-Lessard
Acting Director, Bureau of Medical Services
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17. DATE RECEIVED

August 2, 2000

18. DATE APPROVED

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

8/1/97, 1/1/98

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL

John R. Preston

21. TYPED NAME:

John R. Preston

22. TITLE

Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Maine

ELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1931 OF THE ACT

The State covers low-income families and children under section 1931 of the Act.

The following groups were included in the AFDC State plan effective July 16, 1996:

☒ Pregnant women with no other eligible children☒ AFDC children age 18 who are full-time students in a secondary school or in the equivalent level of vocational or technical training.☒ In determining eligibility for Medicaid, the agency uses the AFDC standards and methodologies in effect as of July 16, 1996, without modification.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Income Limit</u>
1	262
2	412
3	553
4	695
5	837
6	979
7	1120
8	1262

add \$142 for each additional person

☐ In determining eligibility for Medicaid, the agency uses the AFDC standards and methodologies in effect as of July 16, 1996, with the following modifications.☐ The agency applies lower income standards which are no lower than the AFDC standards in effect on May 1, 1988, as follows:☐ The agency applies higher income standards than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, increase by no more than the percentage.☐ The agency applies higher resource standards than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, increased by no more than the percentage increases in the CPI-U since July 16, 1996, as follows:

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**State:** Maine

X The agency uses less restrictive income and/or resource methodologies than those in effect as of July 16, 1996, as follows: (effective 8/1/97):

1. When determining countable resources, real property used to produce income will be disregarded.
2. When determining countable resources, the cash surrender value of life insurance will be excluded.
3. When determining countable resources, real property the assistance unit is attempting to sell at a reasonable price will be excluded.
4. Exclude all resources up to \$2,000.
5. When determining countable income, all payments from Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 and the Job Corps will be excluded except on-the-job training income of an individual who is at least 19 years old and who is not a dependent child.
6. When determining countable income, exclude wages of individuals under the age of 21 as long as they are full-time students not employed full time.
7. When determining countable income, exclude from non-recurring lump sum income, any amount used within 30 days of receipt for any of these purposes:
 - a. Expenses for education or job training to attend an accredited or approved post secondary education or training institution;
 - b. The purchase or repair of a home that is the principal residence;
 - c. The purchase or repair of a vehicle used for transportation to work or to attend an education or training program;
 - d. Capital to start a small business for any individual in the assistance unit age 18 years of age or older.

In addition, exclude as income up to \$10,000 used within 30 days of receipt for any of the following purposes:

- e. Health care costs of a member of the assistance unit that are medically necessary and that are not covered by public or private insurance;
 - f. To address an emergency that may cause the loss of shelter, employment or other basic necessities;
 - g. To address other essential needs of the assistance unit approved by the Department;
 - h. Transferred to a Family Development Account authorized by Maine state law or to a separate identifiable account.
8. When determining countable resources, exclude up to \$10,000 of non-recurring lump sum income transferred to a Family Development Account authorized by state law or to a report identifiable account. Withdrawals must be used for (a) - (h) above in order for the account to remain an excluded resource.

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State: Maine

(The income and resource methodologies that the less restrictive methodologies replace are as follows:)

1. Property used to produce income was countable,
2. The cash surrender value of life insurance was countable,
3. Real property the assistance unit is attempting to sell was a countable resource,
4. All resources in excess of \$1,000 were counted,
5. Payments from Job Training Partnership Act of 1982 and the Job Corps to parents of those under age 21 or caretaker relatives was counted. Such payments to those under age 21 were excluded for only 6 months in a calendar year,
6. Wages of individuals under the age of 21 who are full time students or part-time students not employed full-time was excluded for only 6 months in a calendar year,
7. When determining countable income, all items were included as non-recurring lump sum income,
8. When determining countable resources, there was no (0) exclusion for non-recurring lump sum income transferred to a Family Development Account or to a separate identifiable account.

_____ The Agency terminates medical assistance (except for certain pregnant women and children) for individuals who fail to meet TANF work requirements.

_____ The agency continues to apply the following waivers of provisions of Part A of title IV in effect as of July 16, 1996 and approved by the Secretary on or before July 1, 1997.

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